

ALLEGHENY BRIDGE  
PIERS NOW READY.

Gigantic Task of Removing Old  
Supports and Substituting New  
Ones About Completed.

DIVERS WERE KEPT BUSY.

More Than Three Hundred Trains  
Daily Passed Over Tracks  
While Building Was in  
Progress.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Pittsburgh, Dec. 7.—The New York company which has the contract for tearing out the old and building the new piers for the Fort Wayne Railroad bridge across the Allegheny, has about completed its labor and in a few days will ask the Pennsylvania company to accept the work.

The undertaking was gigantic. The old piers had to be torn from under the bridge and replaced with new and larger ones, while 300 and more daily trains, principally heavy freights, passed uninterruptedly overhead. Nothing like this has ever been attempted before in the history of engineering, and the record made is remarkable. During the progress of the work not a train has been delayed for an instant, and of the 400 to 500 men employed in the undertaking not one has received an injury, although the greater part of the work is of a hazardous nature.

The plan adopted by the contractors was effective by reason of its very simplicity. In the first place, six rows of piles were driven deep into the bed of the river, and upon these were built wooden superstructures supporting the bridge. Having completed these the old piers were torn away, the work below the water line being done in cribs 30 feet in diameter. The foundations for the new piers were sunk forty feet below the bed of the river, and are composed of concrete. To lay these drop-bottom buckets were used, and from three to four professional divers were employed in leveling off the surface of the concrete. These men are paid at the rate of \$5 an hour for the time they are at work. After the foundations were completed the new piers were built up and the temporary supports removed. Two new piers were being built while one old pier was being torn down. The labor employed was mostly skilled, although common labor was used for the rough work.

In addition to this work, temporary timber supports have been erected fifty feet lower down the river and a trestle built on them. This will be used by the trains during the winter and until the new double-track bridge is finished. Trains from Union Station will pass over the top of the new bridge, while those from the yards, which are on a lower level, will pass over the lower floor.

W. T. Corcoran is in charge of the work for the company as superintendent of construction. M. M. De Bruin is the engineer in charge for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The American Bridge Company has the contract for the iron work, and will not begin active work on the new bridge until next spring.

MAYOR TOOK OATH IN  
WORKING CLOTHES.

Ansonia's New Executive Dodges  
a Big Crowd to Be Sworn  
in by a Notary.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Derby, Conn., Dec. 7.—Stephen Charters, Ansonia's labor mayor, was inaugurated in the simplest and most unceremonious manner possible, disappointing the large crowd that had gathered in the City Hall to witness the expected ceremony.

Mr. Charters, who is a carpenter, went to work on time in the shop where he is employed. A few minutes before 10 o'clock he washed up, and, in his working clothes, started for the City Hall. On his way he learned of the crowd there, and, with his dislike of ostentation, he slipped into the office of a notary public and asked him to administer the oath of office to him.

The notary complied and Mayor Charters had been back at his work more than half an hour before the impatient crowd was told that the ceremony had been performed with no witnesses.

Mayor Charters was the leader of the great Farrel strike last summer. He deliberately violated the provisions of the injunction issued by Judge Oaker against the strikers, was arrested on a bench warrant asked for by State Attorney Williams, and was forced to remain in jail over night, bail being refused.

The action of Williams was condemned by men of all parties, and it was made the issue of Ansonia's mayoralty campaign, with the result that Charters overcame a Republican majority of 500 and was elected by a majority of more than 400.

Immediately after Charters's election Williams announced that the case against Charters had been dropped. Charters's friends have urged him to bring impeachment proceedings against the State Attorney. Mayor Charters has more than fifty appointments to make.

YOUNG TOBACCO CONNOISSEUR.  
Chicago Lad Four Years Old  
Likes Strong Cigars.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Chicago, Dec. 7.—A smoker of cigars at two years of age, and a connoisseur of the tobacco at 4—this is the remarkable record of Russell J. Henry, the little son of Joe Henry, a Chicago cafe owner. The boy has just entered the kindergarten school, but he knows more about fine brands of Havana than he does about his A B C's.

Little Russell sat on a rocking horse recently, puffing a big black cigar and disconcerting upon the merits of various tobaccos.

"I like strong cigars," he said, "because they taste sweeter, and you don't need so many of them. I like a pipe. I've got lots of pipes. Most of them bought with my money. Some of them were given to me. I don't care for cigarettes."

Russell is a bright-faced boy with light hair and clear brown eyes. His cheeks are rosy, and he is the picture of health. With the exception of his appetite for tobacco, he is a most ordinary child, with no special talents.

His parents believe he will lose his liking for tobacco before any evil consequences result. The fact that he is a physician's danger of the child during himself.

"We are unable to explain his liking for tobacco," said Joe Henry. "I have never been a heavy smoker myself."

"One day, when he was 2 years old, his uncle gave him an unlighted cigar, and, like a smoker, some one had lit it and took a mouthful of smoke, held it a second, and then blew it out, laughing. I never saw a child so well pleased."

From that day on the boy was a smoker. He would sit in his cradle and puff a cigar with delight, and it never made him sick."

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FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

THIS Big Store is all aglow with holiday enthusiasm. It is brimful of appropriate holiday offerings. Every department presents its quota of useful and ornamental gifts. Whole avenues of furniture and fancy home articles. The prices on all are uniformly attractive. On Holiday Gifts as well as on Home Furnishings you'll find this "THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY."

Handsome three-piece Parlor Suits, like cut, covered in beautiful silk damask, a rich mahogany finished frame, worth \$24.00, This Week **\$16.50**

Large Turkish Couches, like cut, well constructed, fine velvet covering, worth \$17.00, This Week **\$12.50**

Chairs, Like cut, seats richly upholstered; a beautiful design and one that will add grace and beauty to any parlor; This Week **98c**

Handsome Extension Tables, solid oak, finely finished, worth \$16.50, This Week **\$12.50**

Beautiful Combination Book Cases, in solid oak or mahogany finish, an ornament to any parlor or library, worth \$30.00, Holiday Price, **\$22.50**

Elegant Chiffoniers, in oak or mahogany, rich designs and highly polished, worth \$24.00, This Week **\$17.50**

Willow Rockers, new designs, like cut, very artistic, worth \$4.50, This Week **\$2.75**

Fancy Rockers, like cut, in solid oak or mahogany finish, well made and nicely finished, worth \$4.25, This Week **\$2.75**

We've a beautiful line at very low prices. There is no more appropriate holiday gift. Prices range from **75c UP.**

Library Tables, in solid quarter-sawn oak, highly polished, worth \$10.00, This Week **\$7.50**

Smoking Tables And Smoking Sets complete, including Cigar Holder, Match Holder, Ash Tray and Cigar Cutter, suitable for den or smoking room, This Week **85c**

Dressers. We are showing a beautiful line in oak, mahogany and bird's-eye maple at reduced prices. Handsome oak Dressers, like cut, fine polish finish, worth \$22.00, This Week **\$14.50**

Parlor Cabinets, rich designs, mahogany finish, highly polished, worth \$17.00, This Week **\$12.50**

Beautiful Dressing Tables, like cut, oak and mahogany finish, a very appropriate holiday gift, worth \$17.00, This Week **\$9.75**

We've a beautiful assortment of Iron Beds for the holidays at way-down prices, rich designs, like cut, worth \$9.00, This Week **\$5.75**

Morris Chairs, with velvet cushions, oak or mahogany finished frames, This Week **\$4.98**

Solid oak Hall Benches, fine polish finish, new designs, worth \$9.50, This Week **\$6.75**

Ornament your dining room with a fine new China Closet; here's a handsome one, with bent glass ends, worth \$18.50, This Week **\$13.75**

MUSIC CABINETS. We've a large line at reduced prices. Beautiful Cabinets, like cut, worth \$14.50, This Week **\$10.75**

**\$8.50 CASH OR CREDIT. S.E. Cor. Eleventh and Olive Sts. CASH OR CREDIT.**

HUNTERS RETURN WITH  
TROPHIES OF ALASKA.

Boston Sportsmen Penetrate Portions  
of Country Never Before  
Visited by White Men.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Boston, Dec. 7.—R. P. Blake has returned home, after eight months spent in hunting big game in the vicinity of Kodiak Island, on the Keen Peninsula, and in the Cook Inlet country, in Alaska. Surrounded by trophies of the chase, Mr. Blake said that the trip had been a complete success. He was surprised by the great variety of game abounding in the practically unknown country that he penetrated.

In March Mr. Blake and J. H. Kidder, also of Boston, left for Kodiak Island on a hunting trip. In October Mr. Kidder returned home. Mr. Blake remained behind to secure additional specimens to complete his collection. He had at last successful, and winter coming on, he returned.

The party shot many fine specimens of bear, moose, mountain sheep, etc. The skins, which were in good condition, were preserved and mounted, and many will be placed in the Boston Museum. A few selected specimens will be retained to decorate the homes of the hunters.

Immured for months in the vast wilderness of the Kodiak Island and Keen Peninsula country, the hunters met with many mishaps, none of a very serious nature, however. Game was abundant and of every description, and the chase often led the hunters into regions of unequalled grandeur of scenery. The nimble-footed mountain sheep were only to be found in the most inaccessible and precipitous fastnesses, and seemed to take a delight in rounding out a day's pursuit by vanishing amid the crags and chasms of the Rockies.

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The stone was then reset in its original setting and put on exhibition.

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CHINESE OPPOSE EXCLUSION.

Are Raising a Fund to Defeat Proposed Measure.

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San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The Chinese are preparing to make a vigorous fight against the re-enactment of the exclusion law. A proclamation has been issued by the Six Companies requiring every Chinaman in the United States to contribute at once the sum of \$1, the fund thus raised to be used in the effort to defeat exclusion.

In order to compel the payment of the assessment the proclamation says that, if payment is not made within one month, the amount exacted will be doubled, and delinquents who fail to pay within two months will have their assessment doubled once more.

Least some should still seek to evade the enforced contribution, the proclamation adds that Chinese desiring to return to China will be compelled to exhibit a receipt showing that they have made their payment.

FOUGHT HIS OWN REFLECTION.  
Parisian Fenced With Image in Shop Window Mirror.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.  
Paris, Dec. 7.—A crowd was attracted in the Rue de la Paix the other day by the spectacle of a man fencing desperately with his own reflection in a jeweler's mirrored shop window. He gave the name of Baron Blard de Garandine, and said he was a globe trotter. He was well known in night restaurants. His duelling mania was due to drink.

THIEVES STOLE TWO CANNON.  
Evidently Hoisted Them Into Wagon by Means of Derrick.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.  
Paris, Dec. 7.—Thieves have just made an odd haul from the Chateau de Perignon. For nearly a century two immense cannon were the glory and ornament of the lawn before the chateau. A few nights ago they were carried off.

The only traces of the captors are heavy wagon tracks and marks of a temporary derrick used to hoist the loot.

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Similar to a clothes moth, which at once pushes open the transparent door prepared for it and flutters out. When there is good store of food on hand it does not make any long flights, but, after pairing, the males soon die and the females proceed to search for perfect kernels of grain on which to lay their eggs to the number of twenty to thirty each. In some instances these eggs are deposited all at the same time in a cluster, and the young, upon hatching, find their way to the grain as best they can. There is no very marked distinction of broods or generations, as the moths appear in almost constant succession, except during very cold weather, which stupifies them and checks their increase, but does not kill either the adults or the young.

The most certain and inexpensive remedy is the bi-sulphide of carbon, the use of which has been frequently described in these columns. An ounce of this liquid to each 100 pounds of grain is sufficient. The advantage in the use of this chemical as an insecticide is in the heaviness of its fumes, which, if evaporated from the upper surface of a shallow vessel, will sink to the bottom of the mass. Grain intended for planting should not be subjected too long to this poisonous gas, but, after eight or ten hours, the bin should be opened and as thoroughly aired as possible.

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